



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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### NEWS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

#### **DOL ANNOUNCES COMPETITION FOR \$4 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS**

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces a \$4 million grant competition for grassroots faith-based and community organizations to help underserved populations prepare for and succeed in employment opportunities.

Applicant organizations are expected to create their program in conjunction with their local One-Stop Career Center. Applicants must provide a Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding signed by the One-Stop articulating the anticipated partnership.

These grants will become part of DOL's ongoing effort to partner its existing programs with effective faith-based and community organizations to better serve the needy. ETA expects to award between 60 and 70 grants of \$50,000-\$75,000 each through this \$4 million competition. This will amount to four times the funding given in 2005.

Over an 18-month period, grantees will provide highly-personalized assistance to unemployed or underemployed individuals with barriers to employment, including:

- Providing services that complement and support those offered by an identified One Stop Career Center, such as pre- and post-job placement mentoring, intensive case management, job retention support, life skills training, or employability skills training;
- Connecting individuals with existing employment and training resources of the One-Stop Career Center or local affiliates of DOL's national business partners;
- Providing post-job placement services to increase job retention.

This competitive solicitation for grant applications can be accessed online through [www.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/sqa/sqa.cfm) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). The competition for grants will close May 2, 2006. "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding this competitions will be posted at [www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/documents/misc/fbo-cbo.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/documents/misc/fbo-cbo.cfm) by March 29, 2006, and will be updated periodically.

For more information on DOL's employment and training programs, please visit [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov).

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